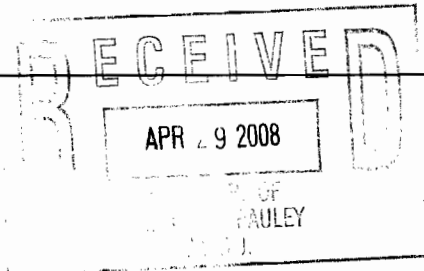




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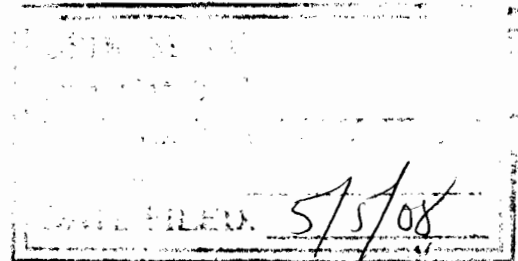
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Honorable William H. Pauley, III  
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Re: Nersa Kercado o/b/o Joseph L. Thomas v. Astrue  
08 Civ. 0478 (WHP)

Dear Judge Pauley:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in this action. I write respectfully to request an extension of defendant's time to file an answer or move with respect to the complaint.

The answer is due today, April 28, 2008. This case was recently assigned to me, and because I have not yet completed my review of the administrative record, I respectfully request that the time in which to answer or move with respect to the complaint be extended by sixty days, to June 27, 2008. This is the Government's first request for an extension. Plaintiff has kindly consented to this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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Granted.  
SO ORDERED: DATE: 5/5/2008  
GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE